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SUBJECT: IRELAND OPPOSES UNMANDATED SESSION ON CHR REFORM

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On May 5, Emboff delivered reftel to Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Unit Director Eamonn Mac Aodha. Mac Aodha said that GOI opposes the unmandated session on the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) reform, calling it "clearly the wrong thing." He added that the GOI regrets that the CHR adopted the resolution establishing the working group to reflect on the UN Secretary General's recommendations for reform. He said that the goal in current discussions in New York is to get enough votes to defeat the resolution and that right now, it is "close, but do-able." He also stated that opposition to the resolution is predominantly shared among EU Member States and the EU would likely vote as a block to defeat the resolution.

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